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EASTERN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BEHIND SCHEDULE

WORKERS MAKE NEW PLEDGES-- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 116, 19 May 49

Despite the completion of a number of important construction projects of the metallurgical and chemical industry in the eastern regions of the USSR, and the completion of nearly one million square meters of housing in eastern enterprises in the last 3 years, eastern construction workers of the Ministry of the Construction of Heavy Industry Enterprises are greatly in debt to the State. A number of metallurgical and chemical shops and units have not been completed on schedule. A considerable part of the housing plan was not met by eastern construction trusts. The plan for worker productivity and utilization of construction machinery was also not fulfilled.

In 1949, construction workers of heavy industry of the eastern regions must build a large number of open-hearth furnaces, rolling mills, and coke batteries, must expand the ore base of ferrous and nonferrous metallurgical enterprises, provide further development of the power capacity in these regions, and complete other chief projects in metallurgical and chemical enterprises, as well as construct more than 500,000 square meters of housing. In 1949, these workers have pledged to:

Mechanize 73 percent of excavation work, 77 percent of concrete laying, 50 percent of plastering, 60 percent of carpentry work, 97 percent of assembling steel structures, and 50 percent of loading and unloading operations;

Increase labor productivity 2 percent above plan;

Utilize high-speed continuous methods in 55 percent of all housing projects.

Eastern construction workers have appealed to workers of the metallurgical, chemical, and machine-building industries to supply equipment and necessary plans and estimates for construction projects either on schedule or ahead of schedule.

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The insufficient output of new-model construction machinery by the Ministry of Construction- and Road-Machine Building has slowed the extensive development of mechanization in construction. Workers in the Ministry are called upon to increase output of construction machinery. Workers in timber and construction materials enterprises are also called upon to step up supplies for construction projects.

Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 119, 22 May 49

In accordance with Decree No 46 of the Ministry of the Construction of Machine Building Enterprises, 13 April 1949, the Trade and Production Combine of the URS of "Glavvostokstroy" (Main Administration of Eastern Construction?) has been abolished. Claims will be accepted until 25 May 1949.

KHABAROVSK CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WASTE FUNDS - Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 114, 17 May 49

Many organizations and enterprises in Khabarovsk Krai are making illegal or impractical use of funds allocated to them for capital construction projects. The "Sibelektromontazh" (Siberian Electrical Assembly) Construction and Assembly Administration has proved itself an exception to the general rule by fulfilling the 1948 plan 141 percent, exceeding the first-quarter 1949 plan by 100 percent, and realizing more than 500,000 rubles in above-plan accumulations during the first quarter. Workers building the Ruberoid Plant have substantially increased construction speed and exceeded the first-quarter plan by 100 percent.

The "Glavamurbyprom" (Main Administration of the Amur Fish Industry), which has been granted tremendous sums for capital construction by the Government, has wasted more than 32 million rubles by investing in various projects which have never been completed. The Nizhne-Amur State Fish Trust (chief, Kuznetsov) has frozen more than 5 million rubles in uncomplete projects, while the needs of the trust for housing, additional docks, and warehouses are extremely great.

In 1948, "Glavamurbyprom" illegally used more than 15 million rubles of working capital for capital construction, while it had wasted 5 million rubles in unplanned projects. Similar conditions prevail in the Krai Local Industry (head, Vinilevskiy), which has not made satisfactory use of its credit. In 1948, none of the 12 local-industry projects under construction were completed. Lack of close accounting in construction areas has resulted in cases of misappropriation and loss of equipment and materials. The Khabarovsk Meat Trust has lost 75,000 rubles by misappropriation of materials since 1941.

CHITA CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS LAG -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 87, 5 May 49

Zabaykal construction workers fulfilled the first-quarter plan for capital construction 140 percent. The most successful in meeting their plans were the construction workers of the "Zabaykalugol" Trust, and the Zavitsinskoye and Onon Mine Administrations.

Construction workers of the Chita Oblast coal industry recently pledged to complete the 1949 capital construction plan ahead of schedule and exceeded the housing construction plan 100 percent.

Many construction sections have not been meeting their monthly plans. The Sretensk Ship Repair Plant is lagging behind the schedule for completion of additional plant space and housing area. The construction section of the plant completed only 50 percent of the first-quarter plan. The "Sibtsvetmetstroy" (Construction of Siberian Nonferrous Metallurgical Enterprises) has been criticized for failing to organize construction work and maintain labor discipline, with the result that huge losses have been incurred. Manpower and supplies are being wasted in a number of construction projects of the metallurgical industry, with the result that these projects are not being completed on schedule.

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